著者及びスタッフ(左より漁須、語倉、山口、紅X、尾崎)

休息の許されぬ運命を恨むな
ここが雨だという事はどこかが晴れだという事だ
人の世に安らぎもたらさんと思わば
おまえは進んで弾丸雨飛の真只中に身を置くべし
極めて単純な道理なり
善い事とは苦痛を堪える事である
腕一本目一つとなろうと問題なし!
われら葉隠一族は七度生まれ変わるなり!

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**- STORY -** A YOUNG MAN OF VIRTUOUS MIND, WHO SPEAKS VIRTUOUS WORDS, USES VIRTUOUS WEAPONS, AND FULFILLS WITH NOBILITY.

## KAKUGO HAGAKURE

MALE. BORN IN THE END OF YEAR 1999. A SOLDIER. THIS DESCENDANT OF THE HAGAKURES HAS BEEN ON A MISSION SINCE BIRTH. IT IS TO "PROTECT THE PEOPLE WITHOUT FANGS." TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION, HE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH THREE MIGHTY GIFTS BY HIS FATHER, OBORO.

## ZERO FORM DEFENSE

A RADICAL FORM OF MARTIAL ARTS, REQUIRING A PERSON OF SUPREME MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABILITY. KAKUGO'S "IMPACT" ATTACK IS A COUNTER-MOVE THAT TURNS AN OPPONENT'S MURDEROUS INTENT AND POWER AGAINST THEM.

## ZERO FORM IRON BALLS

EIGHT IRON BALLS THAT ARE EMBEDDED INTO KAKUGO'S BODY AND CAN TRANSFORM 56% OF HIS BODY INTO STEEL.

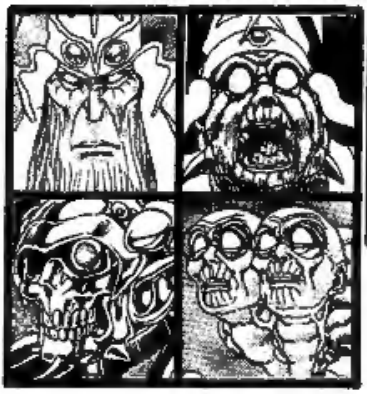
## FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL ZERO

A LIVING ARMOR WITH ITS OWN WILL, WHICH ONLY KAKUGO CAN EQUIP. NOT ONLY IT IS BULLET-PROOF AND HEAT-PROOF, IT ALSO CAN GENERATE ULTRA VIOLET WAVES, ACCELERATE ITSELF, SUBLIMATE AND DESICCATE OPPONENTS, CARRY OUT A DEADLY KAMIKAZE TACTIC, AND PERFORM EXPLOSIVE SUDDEN EJECTION. INDEED, IT IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON!

# ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR THE EARTH, HARARA BECAME AN INDOMITABLE SUPERHUMAN SO THAT HE COULD CRUSH THE EVIL HUMAN RACE THAT DESTROYED THE PLANET. HIS FORTRESS, GARAN CASTLE, LIES DEEP IN NEO TOKYO SECTOR 13. HERE HE LEADS HIS FEARSOME SUBORDINATES, THE BAND OF INDOMITABLE WARLORDS. HE IS PRESENTLY RESTING, HOWEVER ONCE AWAKENED, HIS MASTER PLAN WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

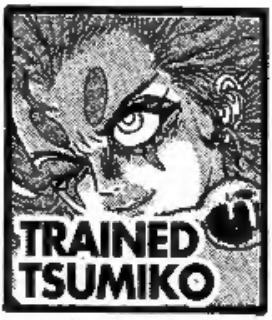
▼ THE BAND OF INDOMITABLE WARLORDS



THE MOMENT HARARA AWAKENS, THE FOUR THOUSAND TACTICAL FIENDS THAT LAY DORMANT UNDER GARAN CASTLE WILL BE RELEASED. ALL OF MANKIND WILL BE DEVOURED IN A MERE 250 DAYS AND WITHOUT DOING HARM TO THE EARTH.

HE IS THE NASTIEST AND CRUELEST MEMBER OF THE BAND OF INDOMITABLE WARLORDS. HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE HERETIC. USING THE LIGHT OF NIRVANA, HE EXORCISED ZERO'S SPIRIT TO HEAVEN, AND NOW IS TRYING TO MAKE KAKUGO'S CLASSMATE, TSUMIKO HORIE, FIGHT AGAINST THE DEFENSELESS KAKUGO.

SHE IS NOT PARTICULARLY PRETTY, BUT HER SMILE INSPIRES EVERYONE, BUT NOW...




CHIDOKURO TRAINED HER TO BECOME A VICIOUS FIEND. SHE'S TRYING TO KILL KAKUGO.

A DOMINATION APPARATUS, WHICH ALLOWS CHIDOKURO TO CONTROL HORIE.

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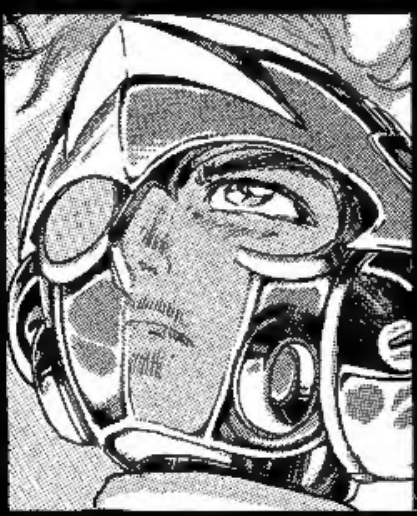

# EPISODE THIRTY-SIX, DOMINATION TERMINATED

# 第三十六話　調教解除

GHH
SUPER ADHESIVE WHIP!

RVUN!

SUPER ADHESIVE WHIP!
BUHH

バゴーン
ドドドド
GHH
UH

VRR
HORIE...

JUST WATCHING HER WHIPPING
MAKES ME MOAN IN PLEASURE.
I ENVY YOU, KAKUGO HAGA-KURE.
THIS AIN'T NO FOREPLAY
COME HERE!
!
HUMPH

GO ON!
EACH STROKE WILL BRING YOU CLOSER TO BECOMING YOURSELF AGAIN!

KAKUGO'S DEVOTION AND SACRIFICE GAVE TSUMIKO PAUSE!
UN
DOMINATION APPARATUS, DOKUMAMUSHI, BEGAN...
THEN, RIGHT AT THAT MOMENT!
...THROUGH THE TIP OF ITS CLAWS!
CHIDOKURO'S ORDER WAS SENT
SINKING ITS TALONS INTO TSUMIKO
AAH

PIERCE KAKUGO, HAGAKURE WITH YOUR FLESH LANCE!
TSUMIKO, YOU MUST CONTINUE TO TORTURE HIM!

MASTER
CHIDOKURO~
NO
HORIE!
.....
VHH

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ゴゴ
GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!

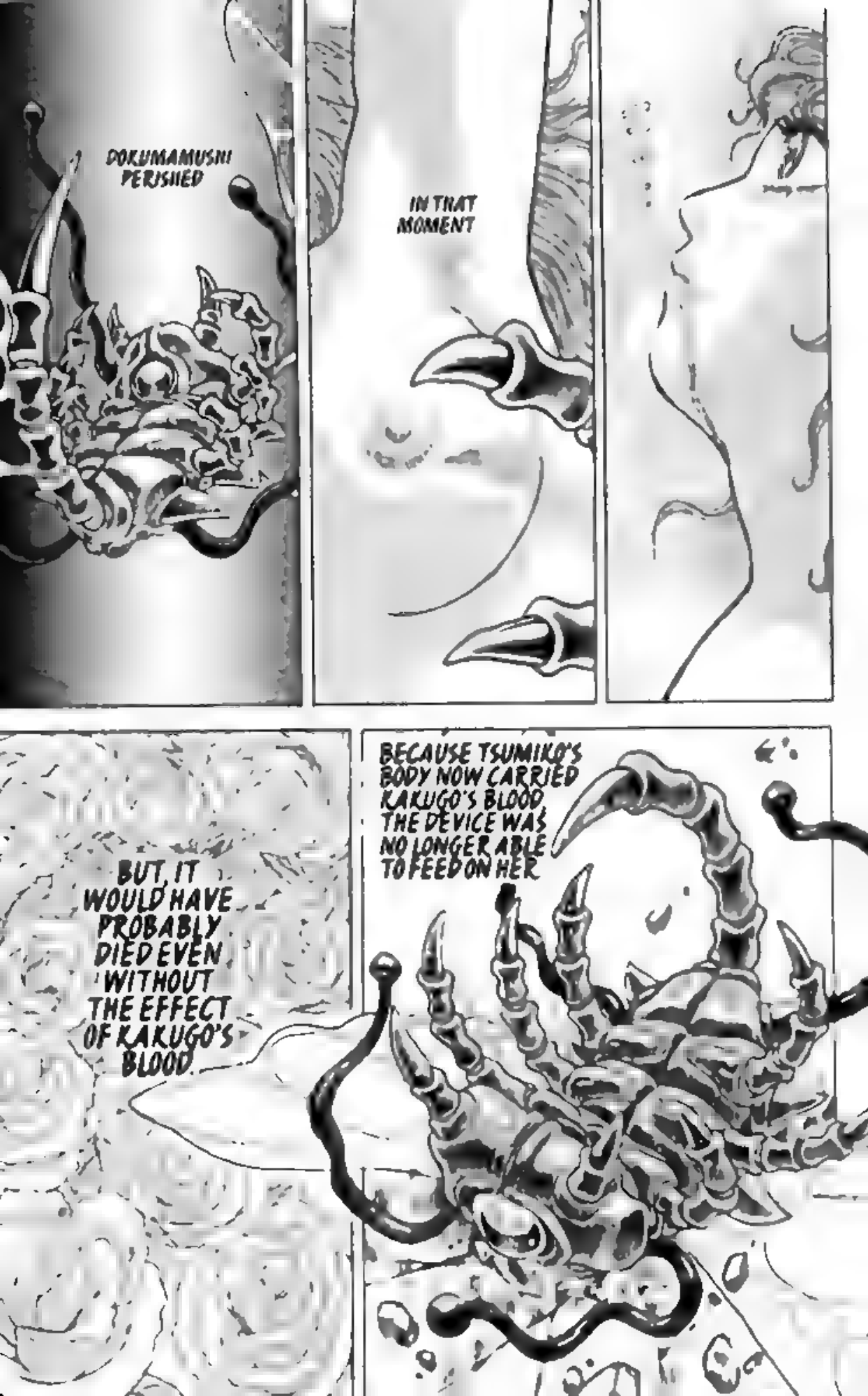
YOU ARE YOUR OWN PERSON, ARE YOU NOT?
ズキン
OW
TSUMIKO HORIE
VERY WELL!
I WILL PIERCE YOU

THE FLESH
LANCE
PIERCES
KAKUGO'S
BODY!

GOT HIM!
ガビュ
TSUMIKO'S MIND WAS BLANK!
TSUMIKO CARRIED OUT CHIDOKURO'S ORDER.
ENOUGH!
GH—
I AWAIT YOUR NEXT ORDER.

HAVE FAITH IN ME.
TSUMIKO

KAKUGO'S WORDS FILL HER EMPTY MIND.


DOKUMAMUSHI PERISHED
IN THAT MOMENT
BUT IT WOULD HAVE PROBABLY DIED EVEN WITHOUT THE EFFECT OF KAKUGO'S BLOOD.
BECAUSE TSUMIKO'S BODY NOW CARRIED KAKUGO'S BLOOD THE DEVICE WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO FEED ON HER

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TERMINATED

EPISODE THIRTY-SEVEN, RESCUING THE SUN

# 第三十七話 太陽救出作戦

ZU

WITH THIS, WE CAN CROSS THE SHATTERED TERRAIN.
INDEED.

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET ON THIS THING!?

HOW?
LEAVE IT TO ME, HOSHINO.
I KNOW WHERE SHE IS.
WE DO NOT KNOW HORIE'S WHEREABOUTS.
BUT PRINCIPAL
WHY WOULD YOU HAVE HER WIRED?
YOU SON OF A–
THE BUTTONS ON HORIE'S SCHOOL UNIFORM
TRACKING DEVICE
I HID A TRACKING DEVICE AND A MICROPHONE IN THEM!
MICROPHONE
WELL, SOMETIMES I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY I DO THINGS
WHY?

IN ANY CASE, THAT'S OUR ONLY HOPE NOW.
YOU'RE A STALKER!
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHERE HORIE WAS AND WHAT SHE'S DOING ALL THE TIME...
TEACHER ZENIGATA, PLEASE LOOK AFTER THINGS HERE
ボチッ
THE TRANSMISSION IS COMING FROM SECTION 01
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ピッ
LET US EMBARK!
WOAH!

ALL ABOARD!
ドキュキュキュ
LET'S GO!
I HOPE YOU ARE SAFE, HORIE! YOU ARE THE SUN OF GYAKUJUJI!
AAAH!

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

AH

I DID SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO HAGAKURE

SECTION
01

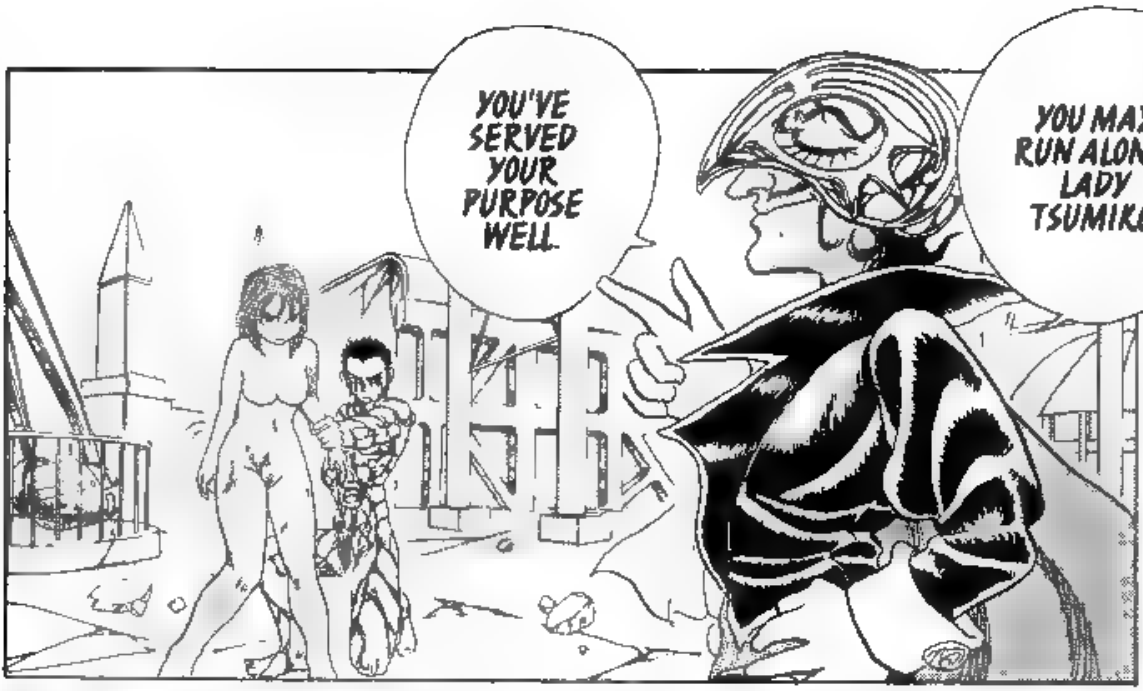
WHAT A DISGRACEFUL SIGHT, I CAN BARELY WATCH.

THE PAIN I WILLINGLY TAKE DOES NOT HURT ME.

STEP ASIDE! HE IS MINE.

B-BUT THAT BASTARD IS..

IS THIS HOW YOU RESPECT YOUR MASTER?
CH-CHIDOKURO...


YOU'VE SERVED YOUR PURPOSE WELL.
YOU MAY RUN ALONG, LADY TSUMIKO.

AH...

KAKUGO HAGAKURE WILL DIE!
THANKS TO YOUR WHIPPING AND LANCING...

HORIE!

うわー

HMM, SHE'S SO SQUISHY
GGH!
YET, YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND, CAN YOU? HAGAKURE-BOY
YOUR BELOVED TSUMIKO IS BEING ABUSED
HEHE-HOHO
UGGH...
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF SAVIOR?
WHAT A PITIFUL SIGHT
GHH...

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AFTER THIS, I, MASTER CHIDOKURO, WILL BE UNOPPOSED.
ALL THIS OVER ONE GIRL...
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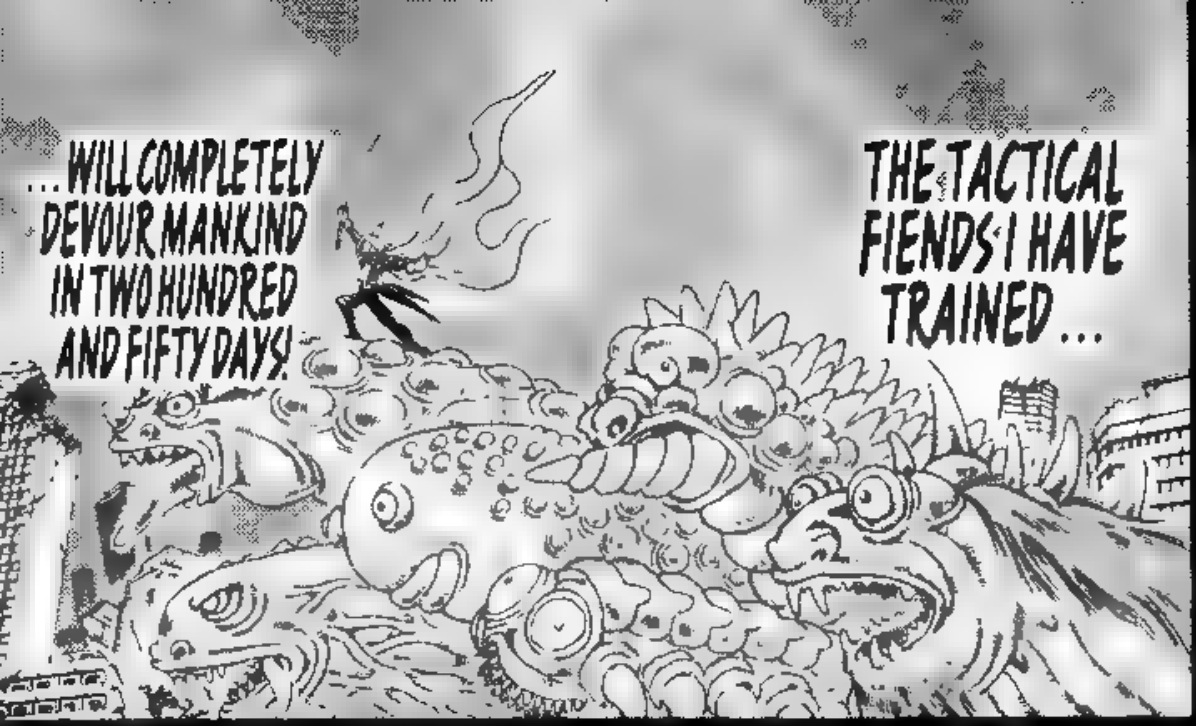
LOOK AT YOU!


...WILL COMPLETELY DEVOUR MANKIND IN TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DAYS!
THE TACTICAL FIENDS I HAVE TRAINED...

WELL, IF I MAY, I AM A LITTLE THIRSTY...
OH, THAT IS NOT NECESSARY

WILL THIS DO?

WHAT SHALL BE YOUR REWARD? NAME IT AND IT IS YOURS.
THE BEAUTY OF HEAVENS, MASTER HARARA, WILL BE GREATLY PLEASED.

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OH, MASTER HAKARA!
I AM GREATLY HONORED!
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GHH
GHH
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3
YOU'VE GOT ABOUT 30 SECONDS.
YOU'RE BEATEN, EH, HAGAKURE-BOY?
PANT
PANT
PANT

YOUR DEAR TSUMIKO IS NOW MY TOY.
YOUR BUDDY, ZERO, HAS GONE TO HEAVEN.
EVERYTHING YOU BELIEVED IN IS NOW DESTROYED!
CONGRATS!
AND YOU CAN'T EVEN MAKE A PROPER FIST.
HUH?

DO YOU THINK ZERO FORM DEFENSE REQUIRES A FIST?
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?

HUMPH!
GHH

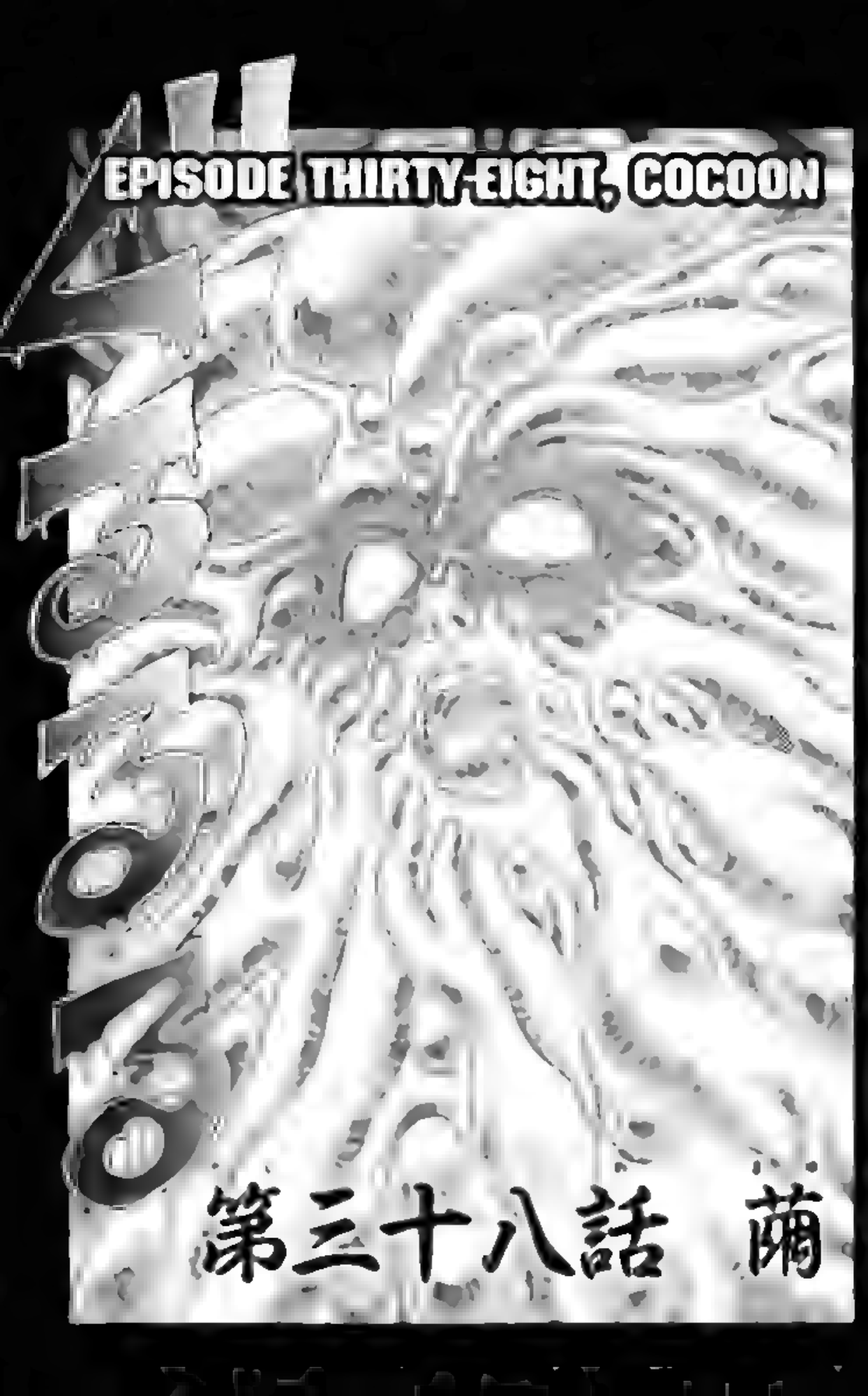
70
HISSATSU!
FINAL
KHAKUGOURE
KHAKUGOURE
ドゴ
GHAA
GRIN

ぼ…
DESPISE ME MORE!
MORE HATRED!
SEÑOR!
TACTICAL WEAPON DOKUMARYU
10

MHWAH AHAH AHHA!

IT GIVES LIFE TO A TACTICAL FIEND!
HATRED IS THE END OF HUMANITY
I WILL GIVE YOU THE FORM THAT'S WORTHY OF YOU
LET THE HATRED BURN INSIDE YOU

THIS IS THE PLACE!
ピッピッピッ
ガッキューン
PREPARE FOR ACTION!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YOUR CRIES WILL ECHO IN HELL!
IT MAKES ME TREMBLE!
GOOD-BYE TO THE VIRTUOUS KARUGO HAGAKURE!
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!

WELCOME! TACTICAL FIEND KAKUGO
YOUR HEARTBEAT IS SO FRIGHTENING THAT EVEN THE SUN RETREATS!
LOOK!
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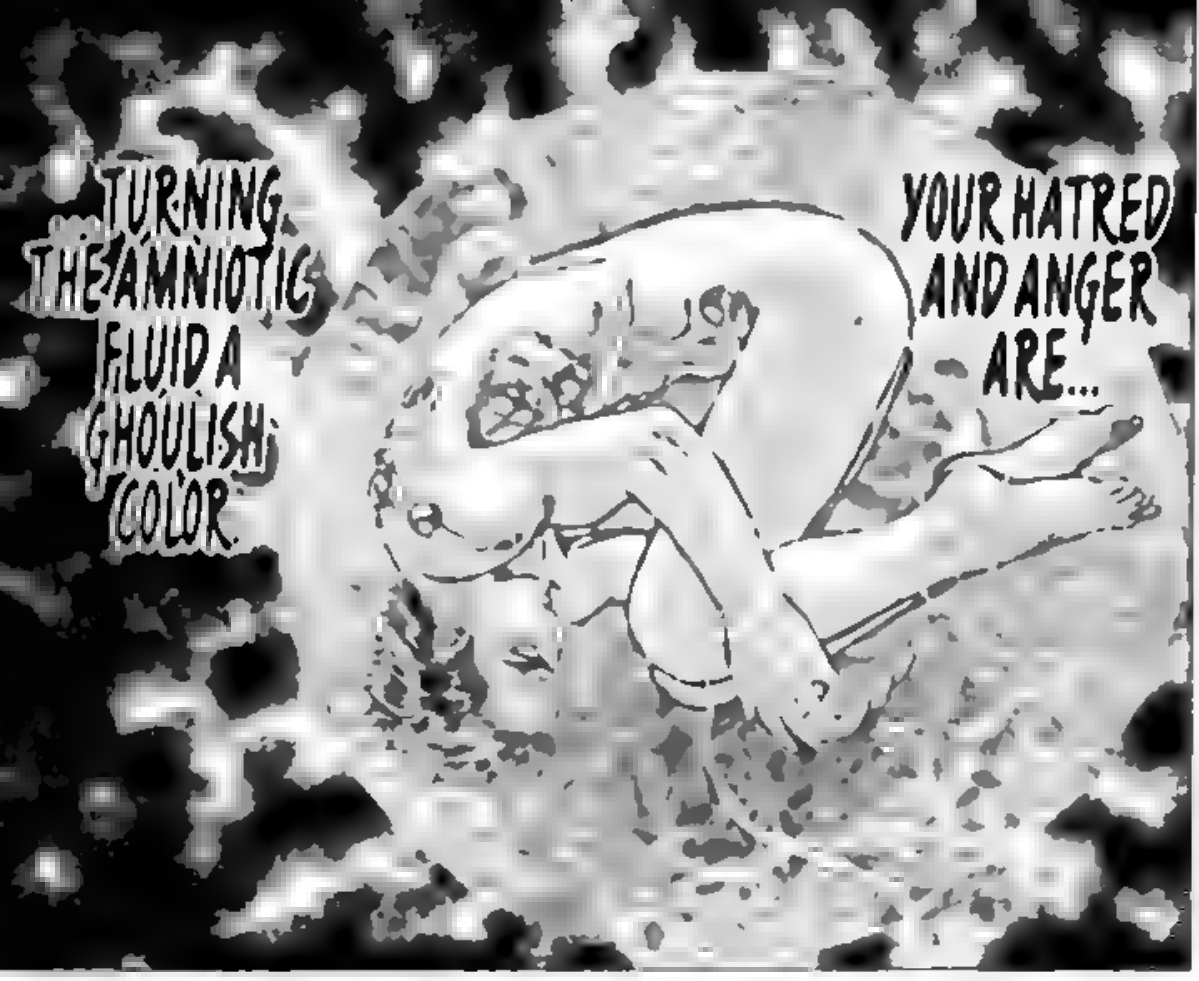
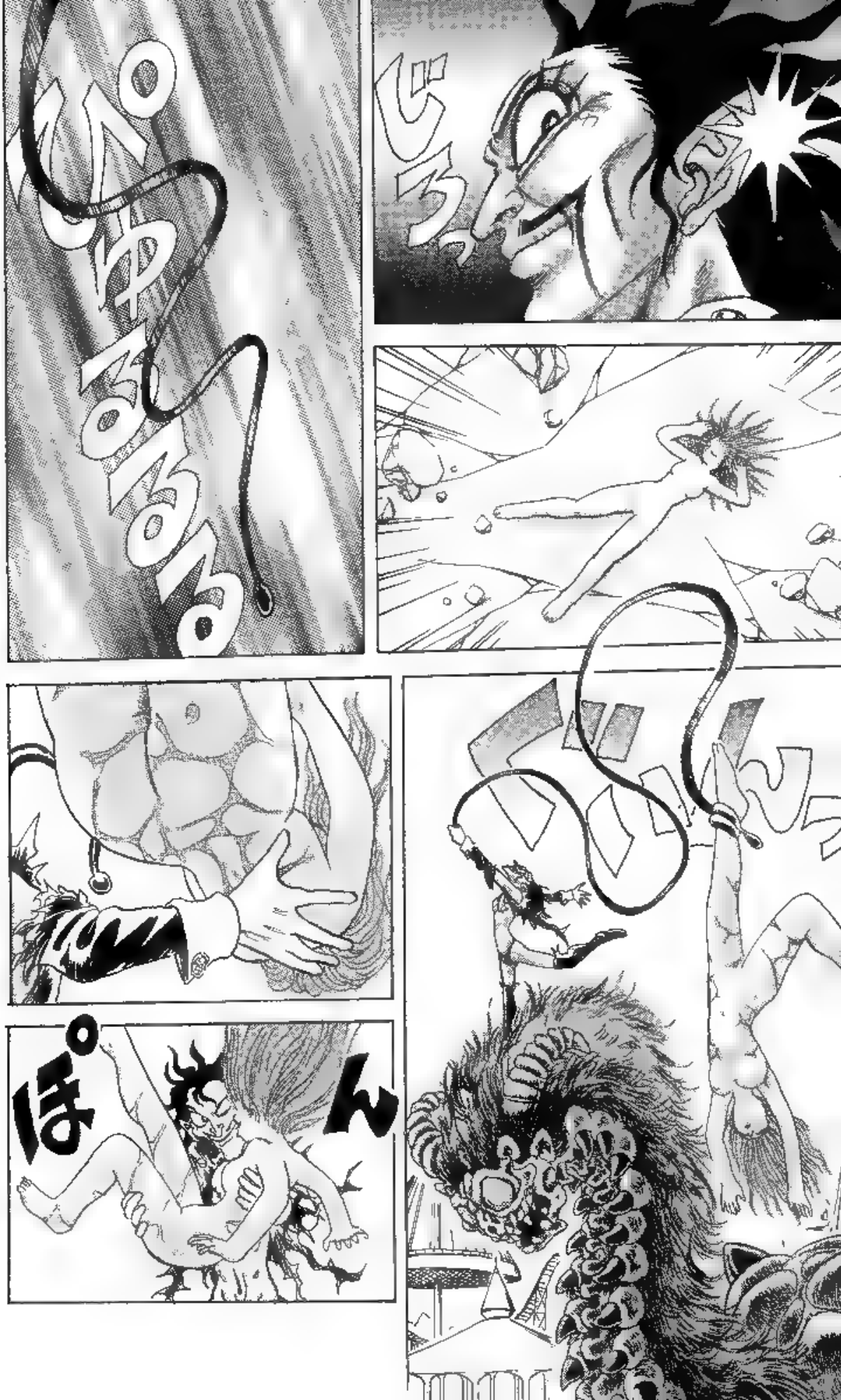
IT GIVES BIRTH TO THE TACTICAL FIEND
HATRED IS THE END OF HUMANITY!
THAT'S RIGHT!


TURNING THE AMNIOTIC FLUID A GHOULISH COLOR.
YOUR HATRED AND ANGER ARE...

YOU WILL BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL TACTICAL FIEND!
SINCE BIRTH, YOU HAVE PRACTICED THAT ACCURSED TECHNIQUE CALLED ZERO FORM DEFENSE.

IT WILL GROW
CLAWS, FANGS AND WINGS!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YOU'VE DONE A REMARKABLE JOB.
LADY TSUMIKO.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR A REWARD?

YOU CAN BE HIS FIRST MEAL!
SINCE YOU BELIEVE IN KAKUGO HAGAKURE SO MUCH...

I'LL LET YOU PLAY A SPECIAL ROLE.
IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING, I'LL DECIDE FOR YOU

HM?
LISTEN, KIDNAPPER!
WE ARE THE ARMED SECURITY SQUAD OF GYAKUJUJI ACADEMY!
RELEASE THAT STUDENT IMMEDIATELY!

SHE SEEMS TO BE INJURED ..
HORIE!
AAH!
ぴちゃ
ぴちゃ
ばびー
びるびる
FIRE AT THE MONSTER!
ズガーン!
WOAH
ばびるび
GIANT RAT EXTERMINATION RAY!
ガガガ

I ORDER YOU TO STAND DOWN!
AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU ARE CLEARLY OUTMATCHED!
ジャキ!
おぉ〜ん
ぱぴ
ぷら
DON'T TOUCH HORIE!
D-DON'T TOUCH HER!
THIS HOLY VIRGIN WILL BE FULL OF HOLES!
ペペペ
SHOOT! SHOOT! SHOOT!
I HAVE NO CHOICE.

IDIOT!
PLEASE, RELEASE HORIE!
I WILL TAKE HER PLACE!
PRINCIPAL!
...AREN'T WORTH TSUMIKO'S PINKY TOE!
10,000 MIDDLE-AGED MEN LIKE YOU
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...
ずガーん
WAH!
DAMMIT!

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うおーっ
ぽたっ
UH!
HORIE!
AAH!
GGH

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EMER-GENCY EVACU-ATION!
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GYAKUJUJI -MOBILE!
AAH!
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HEHEHE
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ビ゛!
RAAAAAH

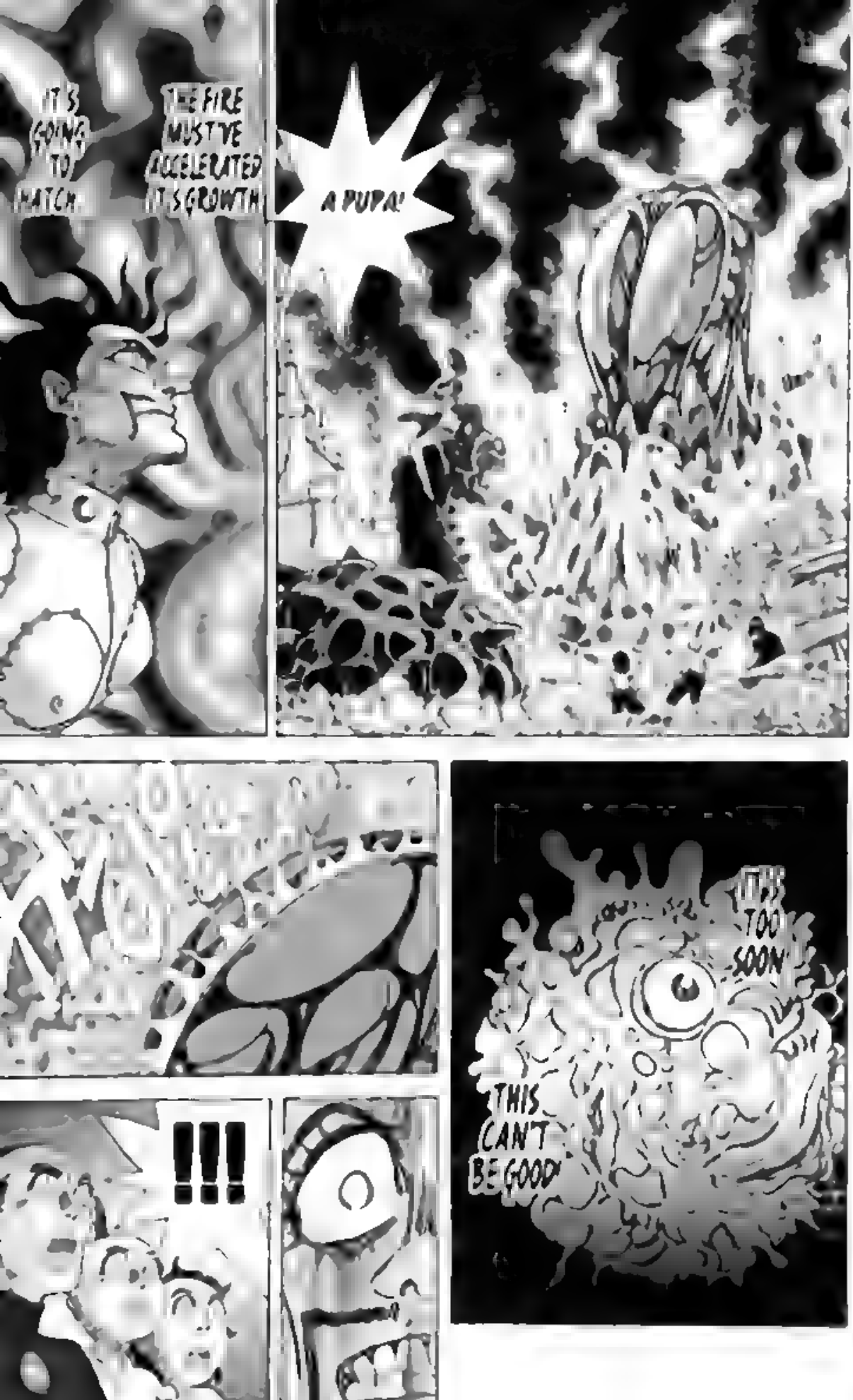
GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
HURRY!
ガシ
ボコ
OOOH!
PRINCIPAL!
WOAH!
GOODBYE MR. CHIPS!
IMPRESSIVE
ニ〃ュュュ
GWOAH

AH
BLEH
IT MAKES ME SICK!
I WON'T HONOR YOU WITH A HERO'S DEATH!
YOU'RE THE COMIC RELIEF!
ACK

MY PRECIOUS COCOON!
THE COCOON!
MY COCOON!

GULP!

WHAT IS THAT?
AAH...


IT'S GOING TO HATCH
THE FIRE MUST'VE ACCELERATED IT'S GROWTH
A PUPA!
!!!
THIS TOO SOON
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD

ベジータ……
UH

第三十九話 滅殺
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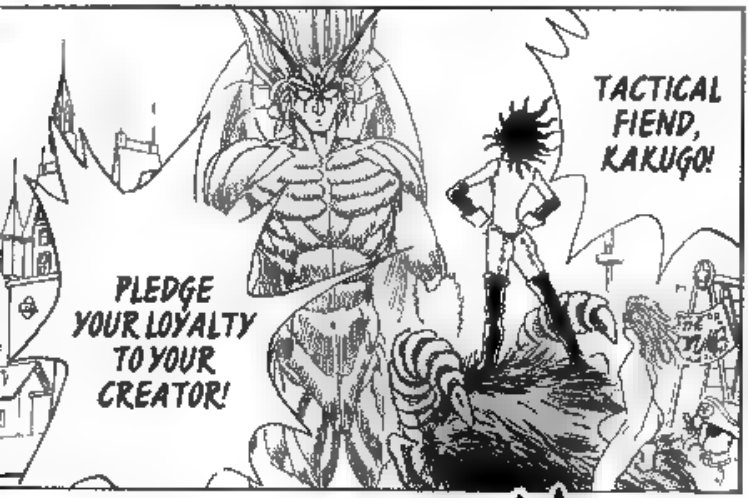
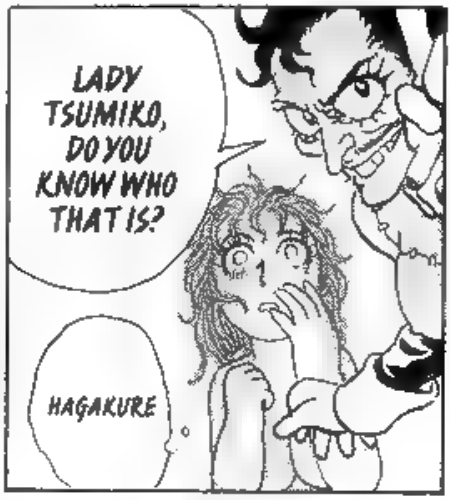
KAKUGO
TACTICAL FIEND
!
AAH!
UM
OOH!
バキバキ

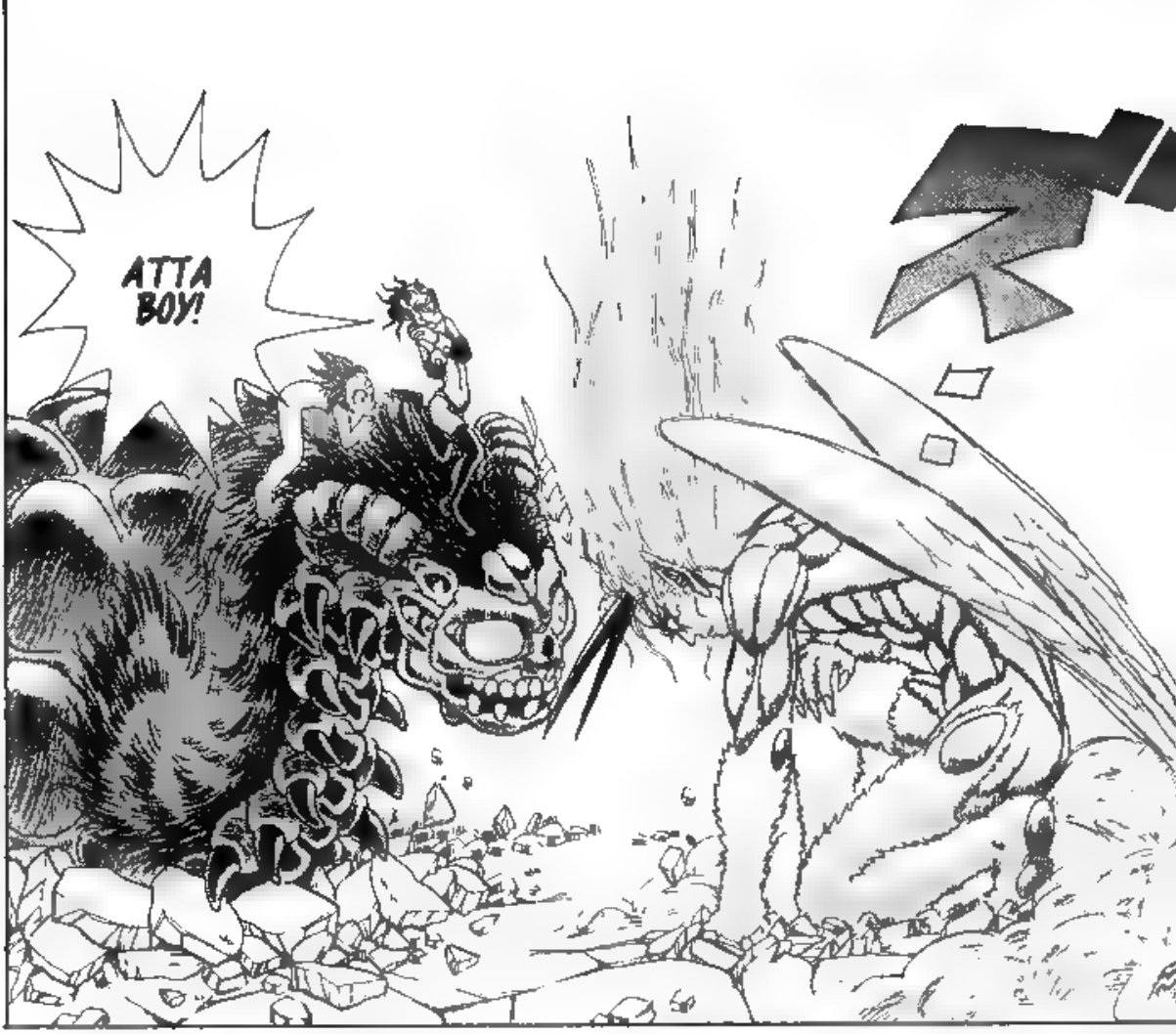
COMPLETE SUCCESS!
JUST AS I EXPECTED, KAKUGO NAGAKURE.

...THE MOST PERFECT TACTICAL FIEND!
ONLY A MASTER OF THE DEADLY MARTIAL ART, ZERO FORM DEFENSE COULD BECOME...


TACTICAL FIEND, KAKUGO!
PLEDGE YOUR LOYALTY TO YOUR CREATOR!


LADY TSUMIKO, DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT IS?
HAGAKURE

GH...


ATTA BOY!

I WILL GIVE YOU MY FIRST ORDER!

THAT MONSTER IS ONE OF THEM!
IT KNELT DOWN!

SO, MY LOYAL SERVANT

HORIE!
KILL HER!
PROVE YOUR LOYALTY TO ME!
HAGAKURE...
I HAVE FAITH IN YOU!

ГУЛЛОН

DAMN YOU KAKUGO!
DOKUMAKYU!

HAGAKURE-

THEY'RE GOING AT EACH OTHER!

AH
!
ゲッ

HAGAKURE!

HOW?
ゴゴゴゴ
UH
UHH?

WHAT HAPPENED?!

THE DEADLY SKILLS YOU'VE SPENT YOUR LIFE TRAINING...
I SAW YOUR OWN HATRED AND ANGER TURN YOU INTO A FIEND.
...SHOULD HAVE MADE YOU A PERFECT MURDERER.

ZERO FORM DEFENSE IS NOT ABOUT KILLING YOUR ENEMY...
...IT IS FOR KILLING ONESELF!

WHAT YOU MUST DESPISE IS YOUR OWN FEAR OF THE ENEMY
DO NOT DESPISE YOUR ENEMY
IT IS TO ANNIHILATE SORROW, HATRED, RESENTMENT, AND ANGER FROM YOUR MIND
THE ZERO FORM DEFENSE IS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

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IM-
IM-POS-SIB-LE!
HE'S GETTING AWAY!
AH
WE'LL SETTLE THIS ANOTHER TIME!

FOR THIS BATTLE ...
...THERE WILL BE NO OTHER TIME!
HAH!

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SEÑORITA!
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わー
YES!

IT WAS AN EASY VICTORY!
THERE WAS NO NEED TO USE MY FIST

第四十話
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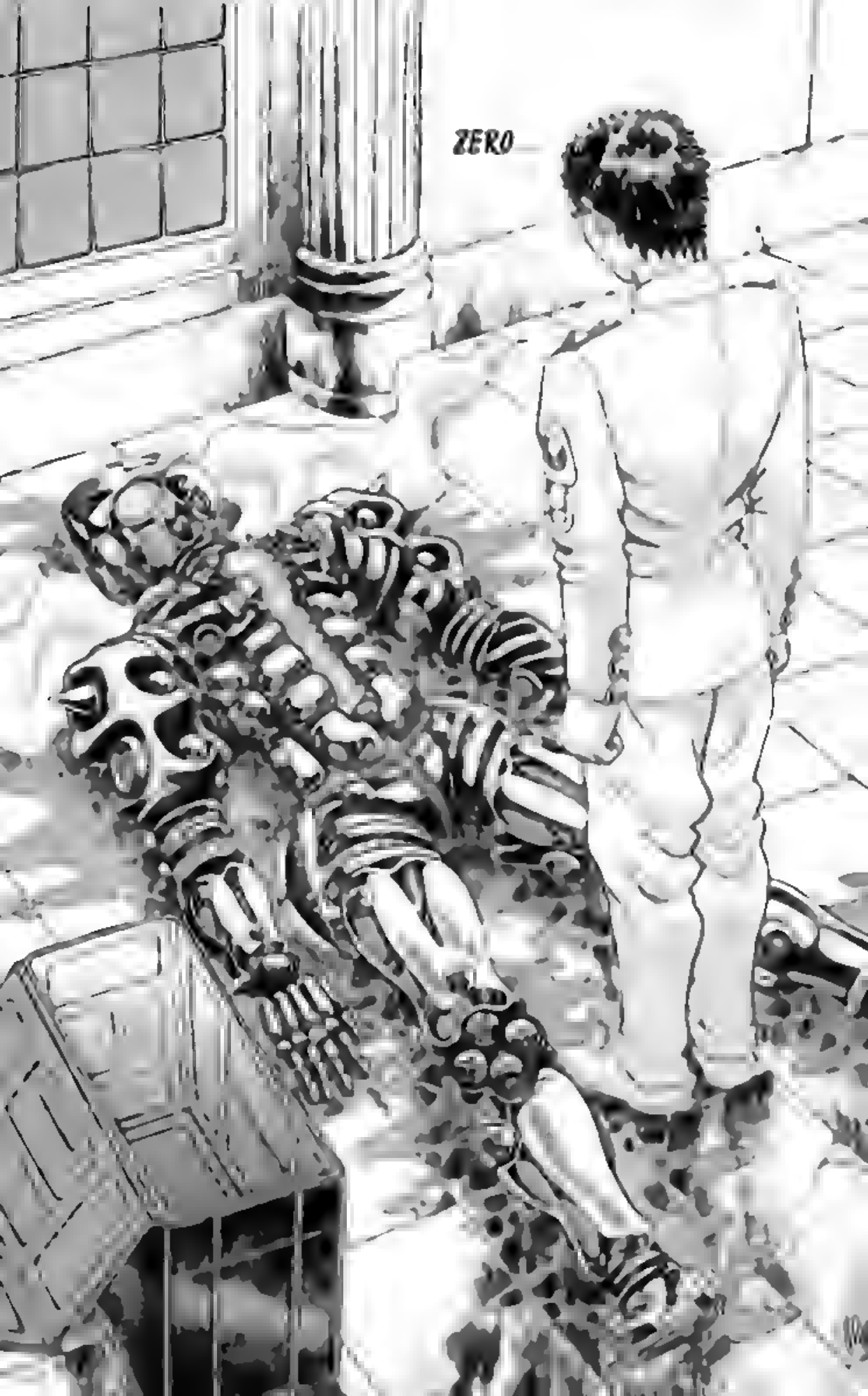
EPISODE FORTY: THE SONG OF COURAGE

YET HE DELIBERATELY BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE!
HE ALMOST DEFEATED KAKUGO NAGAKURE ONCE

CHIDORIJURO, YOU IMBECILE!

AS EXPECTED FROM A MAN WHO HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY MASTER HARARA
CHIDOKURO FOUGHT WELL
BUT MASTER KAGENAR!!
SILENCE, GALILEO!
VERY IMPRESSIVE, SIR!
CHIDOKURO ACCOMPLISHED MUCH MORE THAN EVEN RAI WAS ABLE TO!
NOT ONLY DID HE ACHIEVE THAT GOAL
CHIDOKURO'S MISSION WAS MERELY A DELAYING ACTION!
HE EVEN DEACTIVATED THE ZERO ARMOR!
HE WILL NEVER CONQUER GARAN CASTLE!
WITHOUT ZERO...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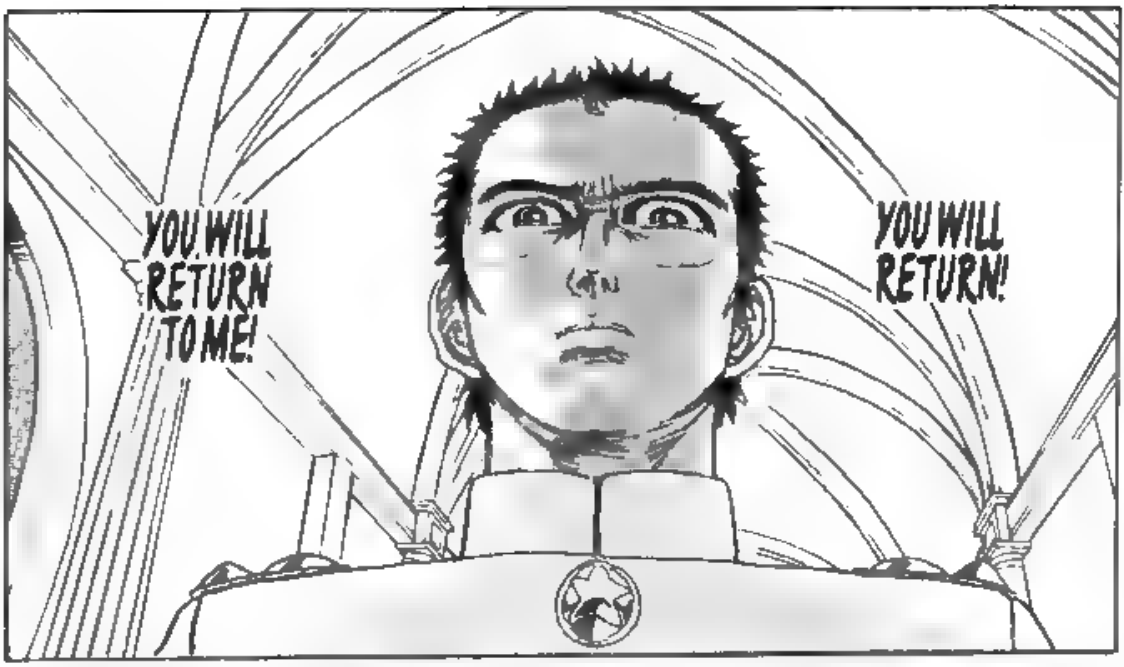
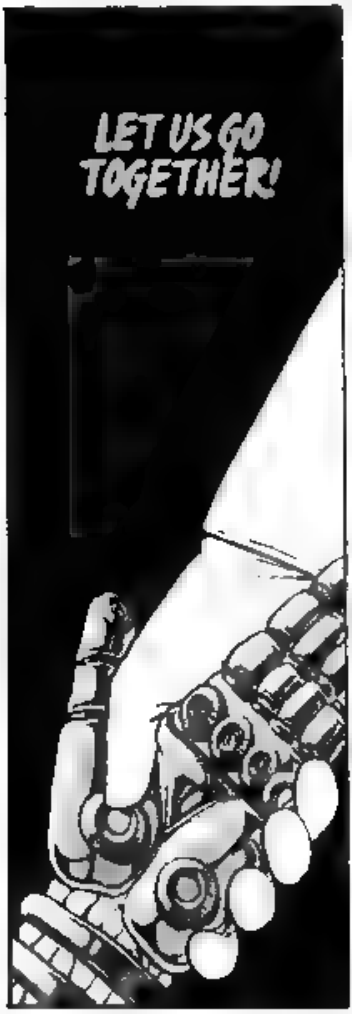

YOU WILL RETURN TO ME!
YOU WILL RETURN!


LET US GO TOGETHER!

THE SOULS OF SUCH FIERCE WARRIORS CANNOT BE LAID TO REST BY MERE SUTRAS BEFORE OUR DECISIVE BATTLE!

WE ARE ONE FLESH

YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME
YOU BROUGHT ME MY CLOTHES
THANK YOU
Sniff

THANK YOU EVERYONE

I'LL PROTECT YOU
I TOLD YOU BEFORE
DON'T CRY, HORIE
DON'T MENTION IT
ARE YOU HURT AT ALL?
NOT A PROBLEM
BUT HAOKA, YOUR HEAD...
I REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS BEING CONTROLLED BY THAT GUY
I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!
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I'M NOT HURT PHYSICALLY, BUT
MENTALLY

WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU?
I DID SOMETHING A LOT WORSE!
THAT'S NOTHING!
REALLY? SO YOU REMEMBER YOU WERE KISSING THAT MUSTACHE GEEZER WITH YOUR PANTIES SHOWING?
I CAN'T SAY!
WAAHH!

YOUR ACT OF COURAGE!...

IT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

PRINCIPAL
YES MASTER

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YOU MONSTER!

WOAH
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I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN FACE EVERYONE.

YOU MUST PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER

HAGAKURE!
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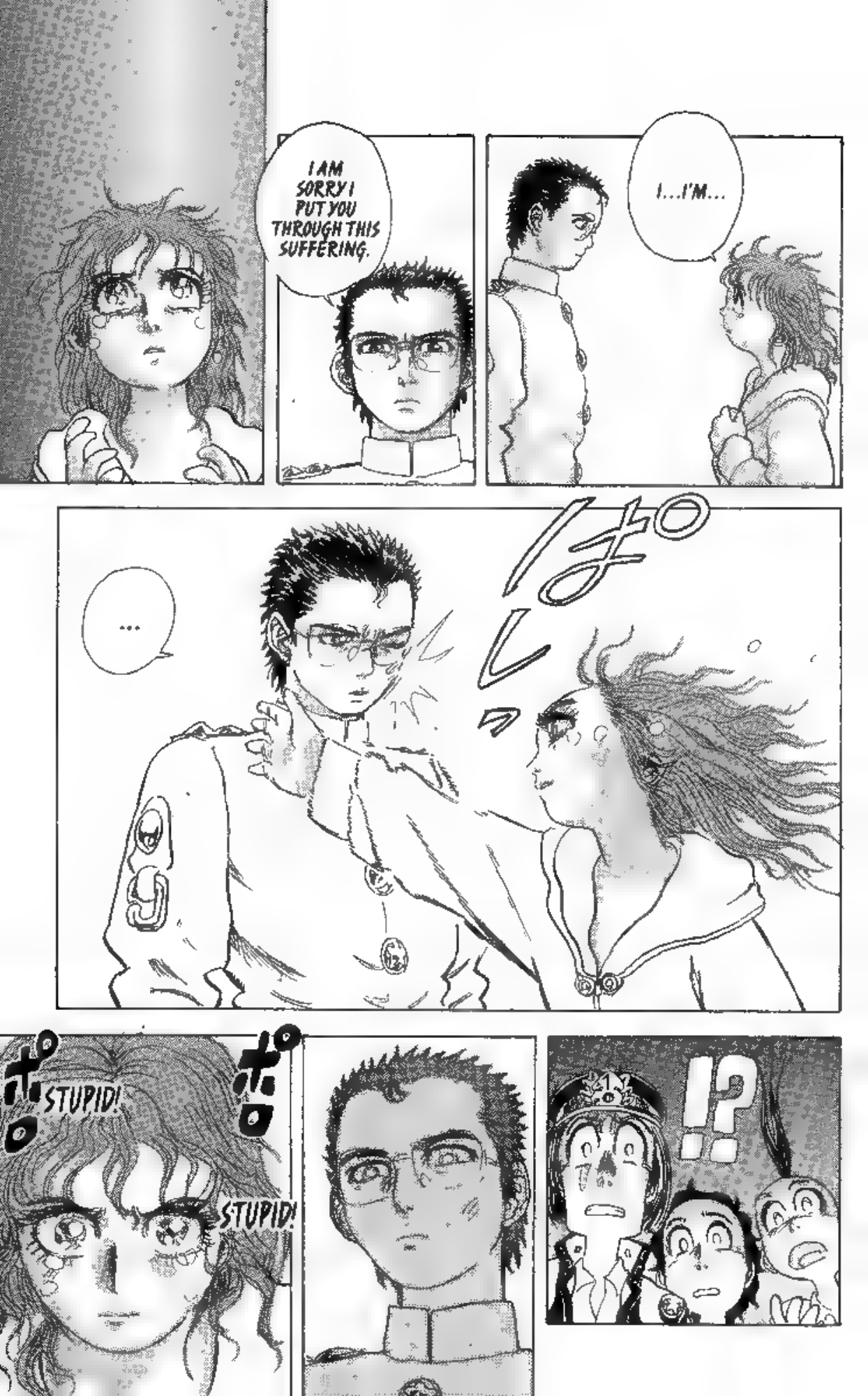
HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE!


I AM SORRY I PUT YOU THROUGH THIS SUFFERING.
I...I'M...
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STUPID!
STUPID!
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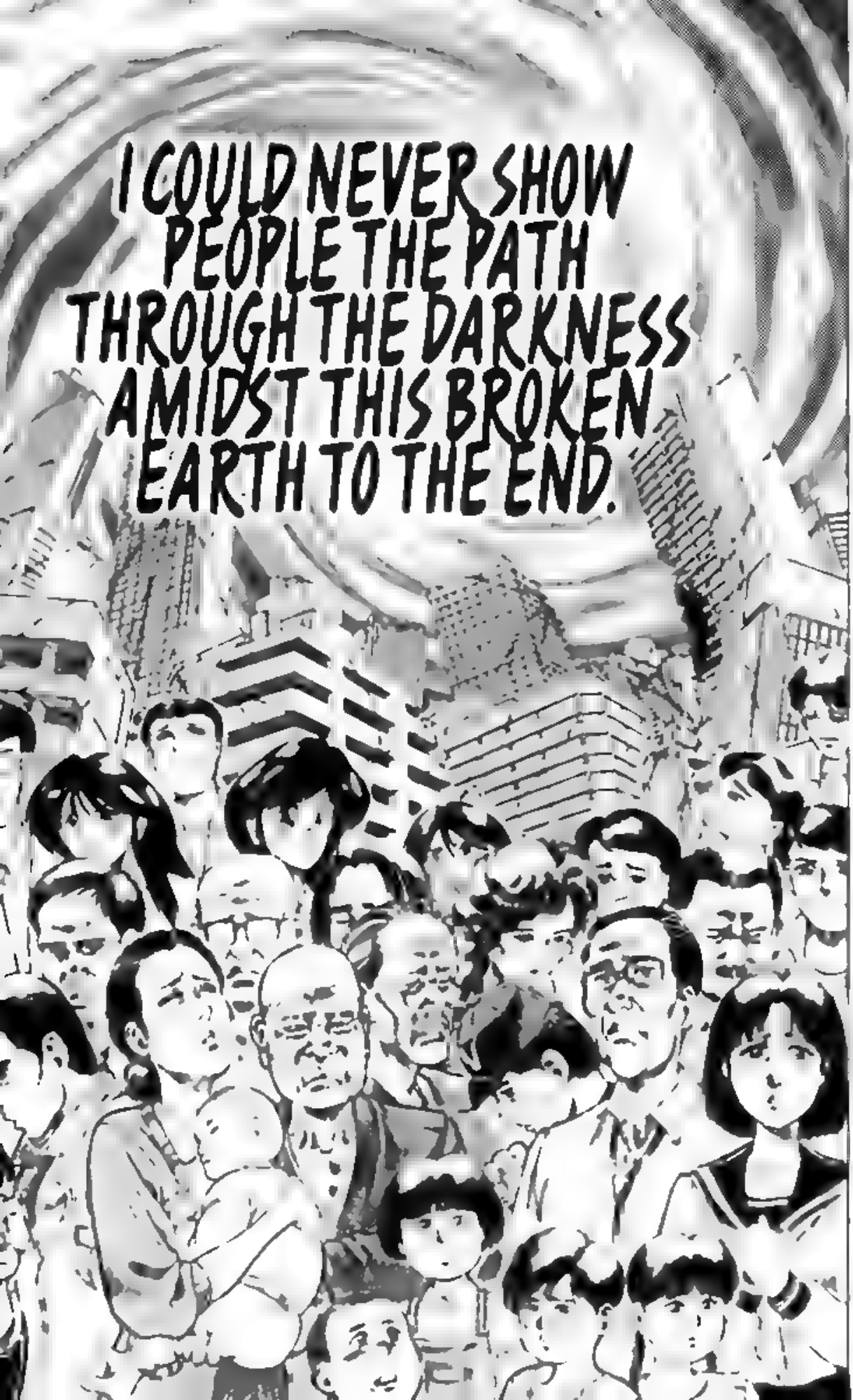
AND YET, FOR MY SAKE
YOU'RE IRREPLACEABLE.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PROTECT US.
I'M NOT WORTH IT!
YOU ALMOST LET YOURSELF BE KILLED
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

BECAUSE YOU CAN SING.

IT CAN BE USED TO CRUSH BONES, STOP BREATHING, AND STILL ONE'S HEART
IT CAN KILL ONE'S ENEMIES, AND KILL ONE'S SELF
ZERO FORM DEFENSE IS A DEADLY TECHNIQUE
...IT WOULD LEAVE BEHIND MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES AND RIVERS OF BLOOD!
PRACTICED FOR 1000 YEARS, OR EVEN 100 YEARS...


I COULD NEVER SHOW
PEOPLE THE PATH
THROUGH THE DARKNESS
AMIDST THIS BROKEN
EARTH TO THE END.

BUT YOU CAN!
WHAT?
I LIKED THAT SONG
THE DAY I CAME TO GYAKUJUJI ACADEMY
YOU WERE SINGING A SONG.

JUST REMEMBER THE SONG OF COURAGE
TORU
EVEN IF THE EARTH DIES OUT
BITE THE BULLET AND LOOK UP TO THE SKY
OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK FOR THE SPARK OF LIFE

IT'S NOT EASY TO BELIEVE THAT
TOMORROW WILL REALLY COME
BUT WE ARE FILLED WITH HOPE

SO WE
TURN
TO THE
SONG OF
COURAGE
FOR
STRENGTH

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
NO!
HAS KAKUGO HAGAKURE LOST HIS POWER WITHOUT ZERO?
AND WITH SOMETHING THAT IS AS POWERFUL AS ZERO ITSELF!
HE IS STILL ARMED

EPISODE FORTY-ONE, KAKUGO
第四十一話　覚悟

I AM FINALLY HERE

I HAVE COME TO YOUR FORTRESS!
ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW HIM OUR POWER.
OUR ENEMY, KARUGO HAGARURE HAS ARRIVED
STAIN THAT WHITE UNIFORM WITH CRIMSON!
GIVE YOUR BODIES AND SOULS TO MASTER HARARA!
CAPTAIN DE
BOLT

SUICIDE ATTACK SIR!
WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?

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THESE ARE HUMANS! FAILED EXPERIMENTS AS TACTICAL FIENDS, EXPELLED FROM GARAN CASTLE!
THESE ARE NOT TACTICAL FIENDS!
TAKE THEM DOWN!
DESTROY THE CASTLE!
KAKUGO LISTENS TO THE PAIN OF THESE VOICELESS MUTANTS.

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THAT THIS IS MY FATE
AWAITS
DEATH
EVEN IF
INEVITABLE
IF IT IS
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I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT IT!
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HOW MISERABLE YOU ALL ARE!
YOU OFFER YOURSELVES TO BE SLAUGHTERED LIKE PIGS.

STRIKE ME!
ATTACK ME!
PUT UP A FIGHT!

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THIS IS
KAKUGO!

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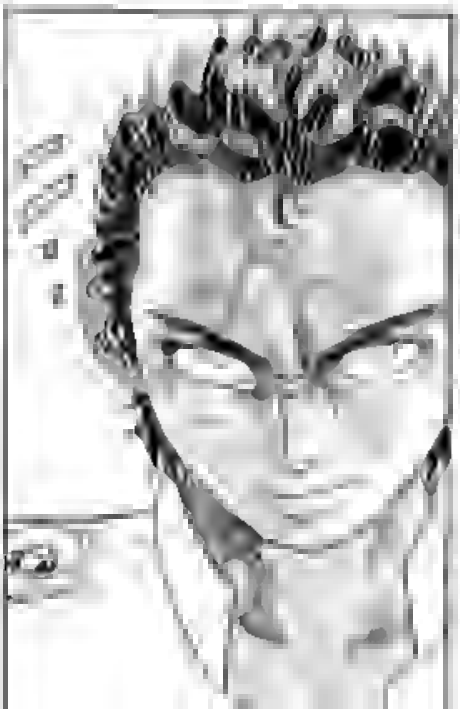

YOU PUNK

第四十二話
衛兵隊長
EPISODE FORTY-TWO:
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS

LET THE
RHYTHM
MOVE YOU~
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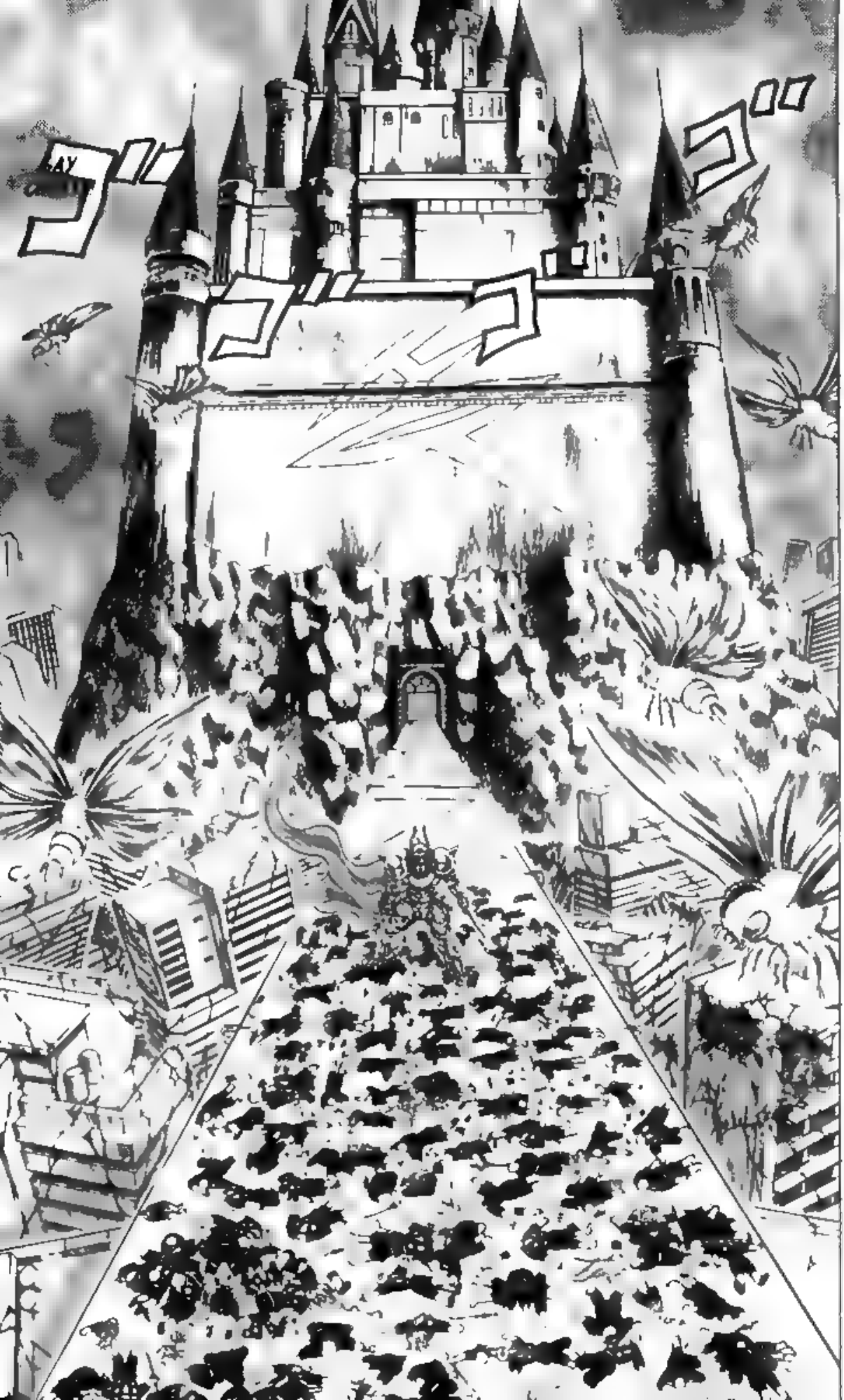

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS AT JAPAN CASTLE INDOMITABLE WARLORD BOLT
LIVING ZERO FORM DEFENSE KARUGO HAGAKURE
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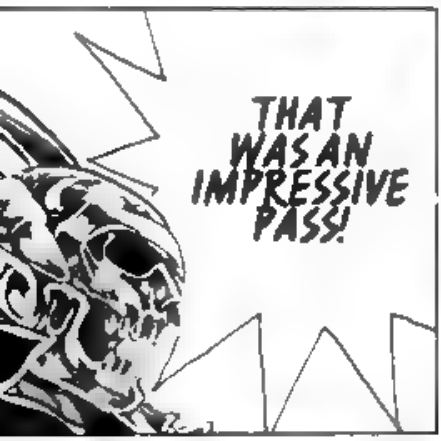
HE MUST BE ONE OF THE TOP LIEUTENANTS!
HIS ENERGY IS FAR GREATER THAN THAT OF RAI

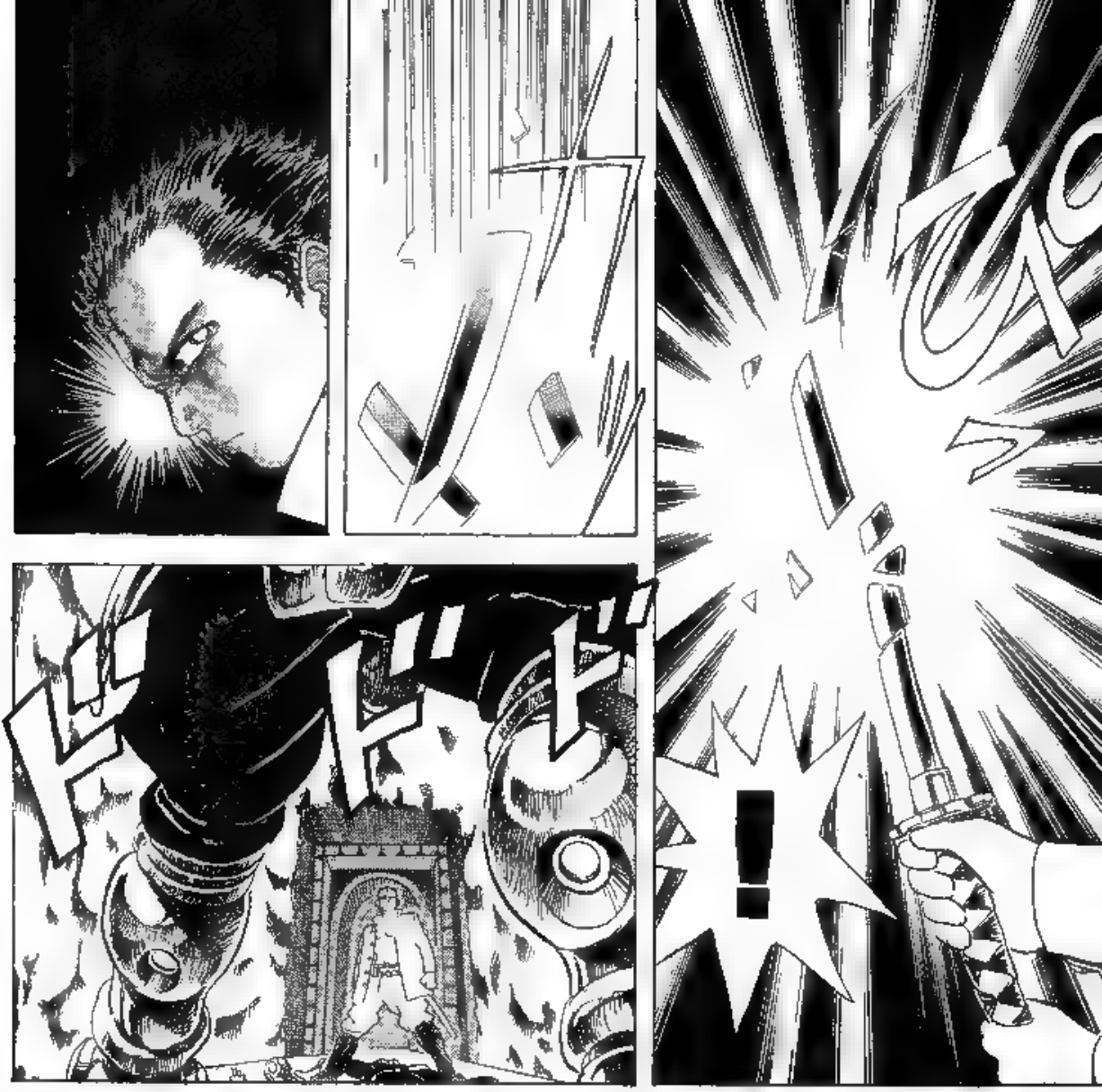
YOU ROUGE YOUR LIPS SO THAT YOUR FACE WILL LOOK SERENE WHEN YOUR HEAD IS TAKEN BY
I RETURN THE RESPECT
TWO WARRIORS OF ONE MIND
HE TOSSES AWAY HIS SCABBARD TO SIGNAL THAT I AM A WORTHY OPPONENT

YET, THAT IS NO GUARANTEE THAT I WILL WIN.
MY COMMITMENT TO VICTORY IS ABSOLUTE.

ENGAGE!


THAT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE PASS!

NGH...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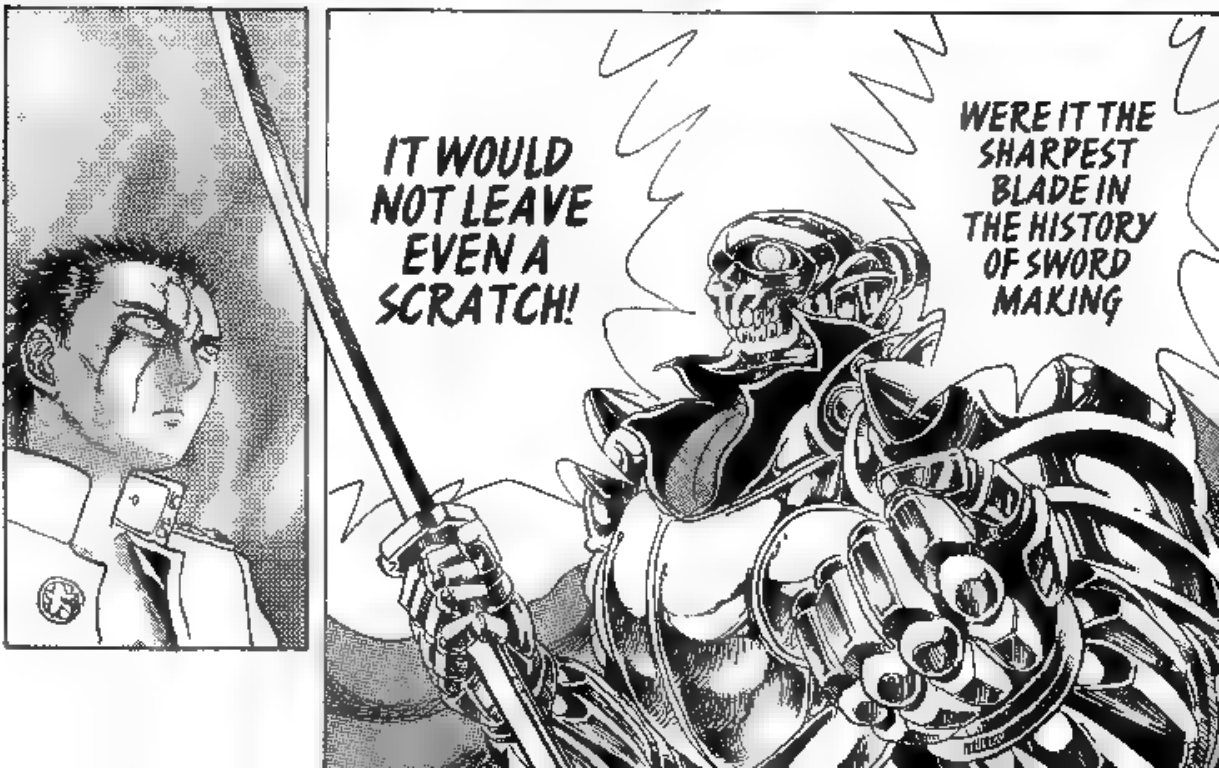
IT WOULD NOT LEAVE EVEN A SCRATCH!
WERE IT THE SHARPEST BLADE IN THE HISTORY OF SWORD MAKING

THE CURVED SURFACE OF THE ARMOR IS DESIGNED TO DEFLECT ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE!

I SHALL SHATTER IT!

IMPUDENT CHILD!

REQUIRED TO CRAFT SUCH IMMORTAL ARMOR!
HARARA DOES NOT HAVE THE PURITY OF SPIRIT

MASTER HARARA EMBODIES THE UNIVERSAL SPIRIT!
NGH
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS ABSORB!
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特攻形態

SPECIAL ASSAULT MODE

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N-WHAT IS THIS_!

第四十三話
憑依完了
EPISODE FORTY-THREE
POSSESSION COMPLETE

JUST LIKE ZERO!!

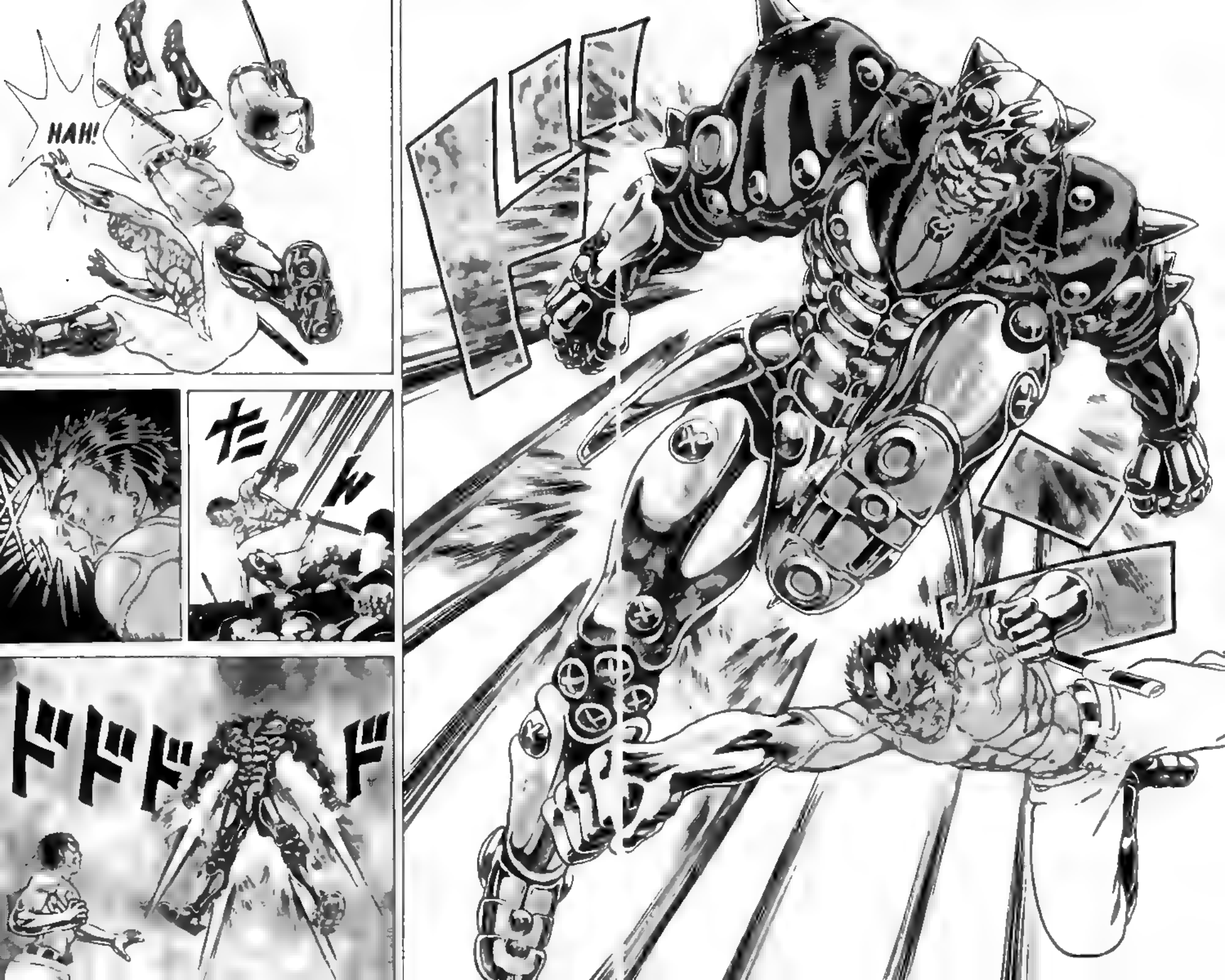
A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!?

IT IS A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!
EXACTLY

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, BOLT!

THE SPIRITS OF SOLDIERS WHO DWELL INSIDE ITS STEEL ARMOR!
A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL CONTAINS AN ARMY OF SOULS!

NOT A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!
WHAT YOU WEAR IS A LIFELESS HUSK.
I WILL SHATTER IT!


HAH!
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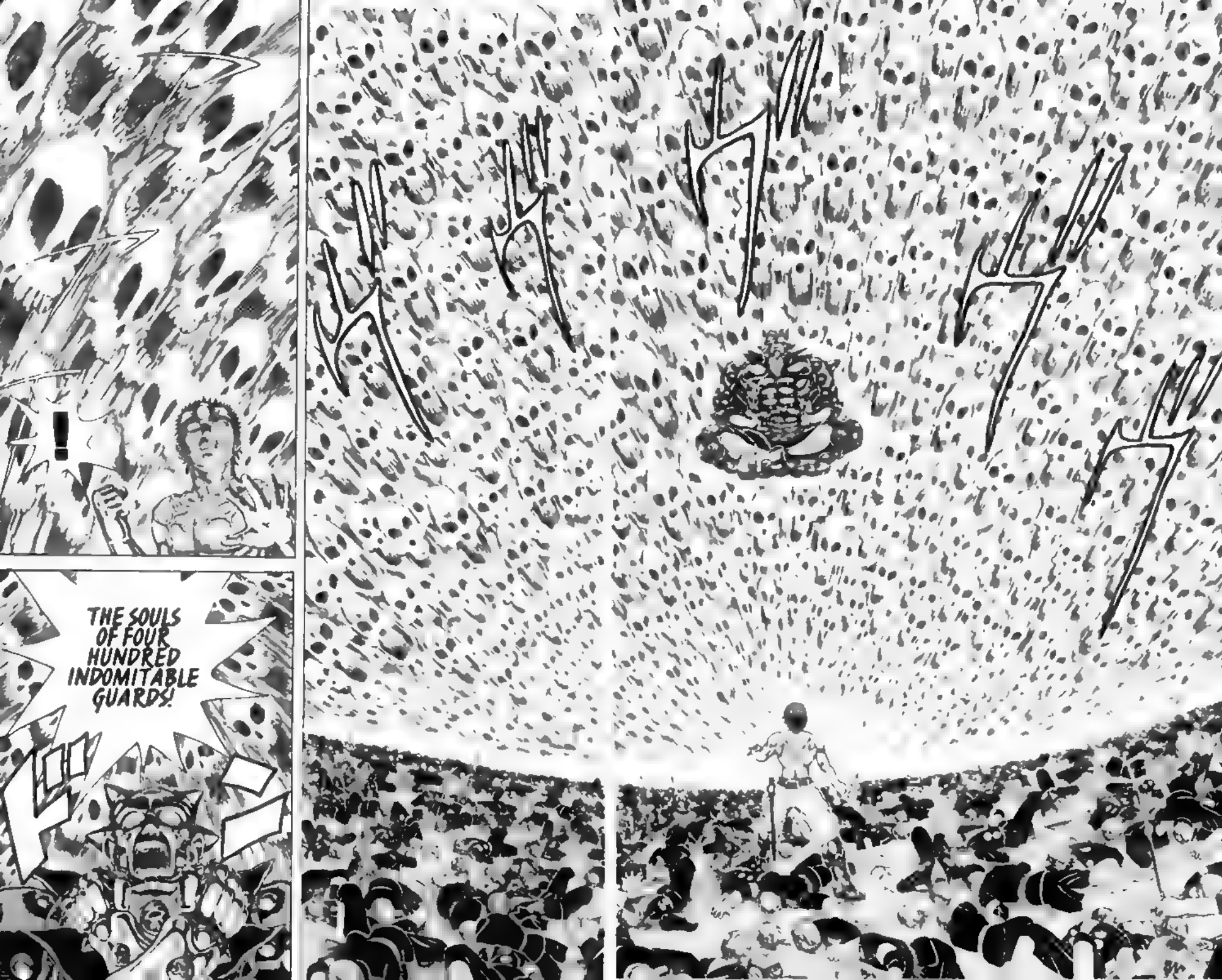
ARE YOU BLIND?
I PITY YOU, KAKUGO HAGAKURE!
THE SOULS ARE RIGHT HERE!
LOOK CLOSELY!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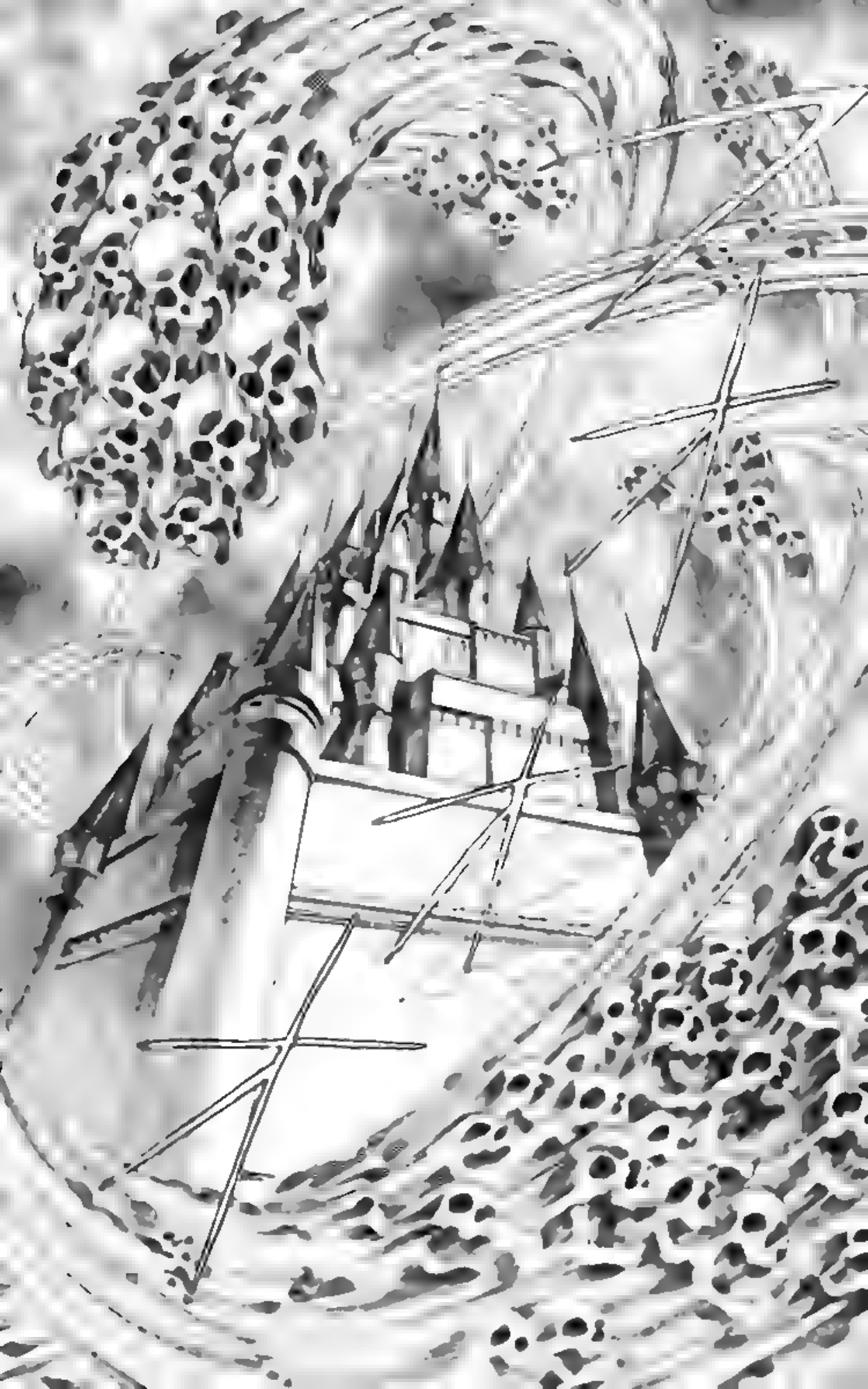
THE SOULS OF FOUR HUNDRED INDOMITABLE GUARDS!
FU!!



WHAT?
THEY WERE SACRIFICED TO YOUR SWORD!
MY GUARDS ...
AND BE ONE WITH THIS STEEL!
SO THAT THEY COULD BECOME SPIRITS

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POSSESSION
完全
COMPLETE

SHIN!
FORTIFIED ARMORSHELL

A MORE POWERFUL VERSION OF ZERO, SO TO SPEAK!
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL. SHIN IS

CAN HE DEFEAT THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL?
FACING IMPOSSIBLE

NEH NEH NEH

PERFECT

第四十四話 応報
EPISODE FORTY-FOUR, NEMESIS

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FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, SHIN! WHAT ARE YOU?
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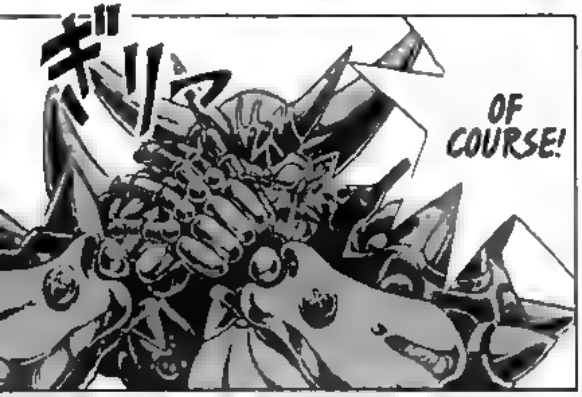
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OF COURSE!

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I'M EXPECTING YOUR BEST SHOT!

HE IS SMILING IN FRONT OF SHIN!
HE'S SMILING

BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN PRIDE TO DEFEAT SHIN!
WHAT ARROGANCE

EEK!

GGH

THE COMBINED POWER OF THE ENTIRE GUARD UNIT!
THAT IS SHIN

MERELY PUNCHING THE AIR SCATTERED THE GUARDS LIKE LEAVES!
OOH!

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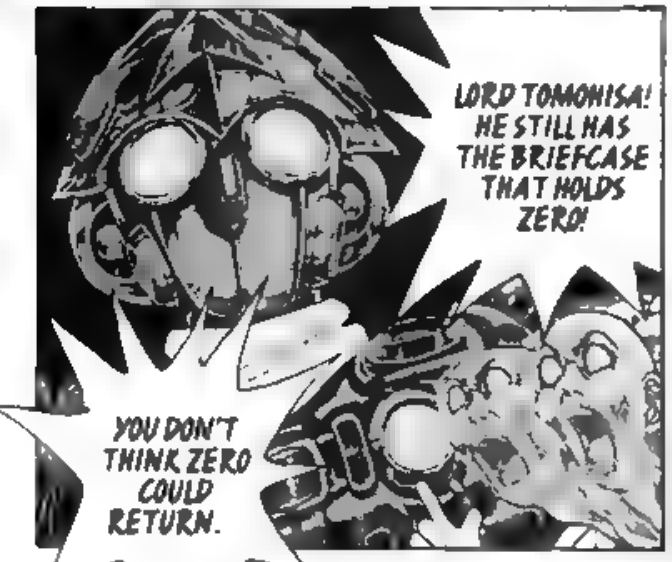
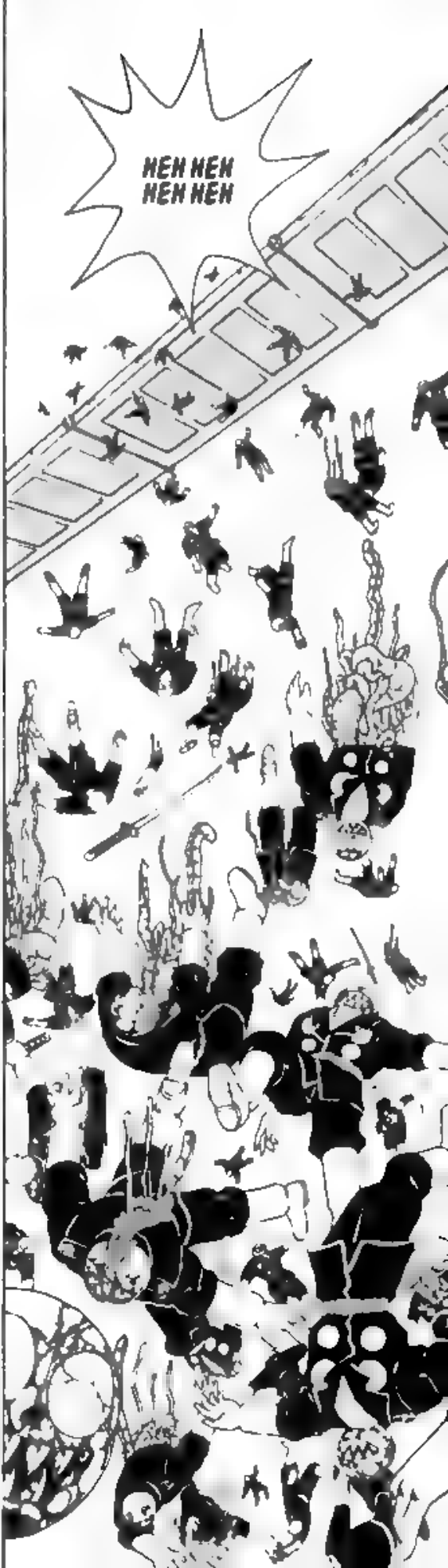
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GUARDIAN SPIRITS, HUH?


LORD TOMONISA! HE STILL HAS THE BRIEFCASE THAT HOLDS ZERO!
YOU DON'T THINK ZERO COULD RETURN.


HEH HEH HEH HEH

ONLY COULD TAKE HOLD OF ZERO...
AND SNAP HIS NECK!
BUT IF BY ANY CHANCE IT DID, IT COULD NEVER WITHSTAND THE POWER OF SHIN
IMPOSSIBLE!
WITHOUT ZERO, DOES KAKUGO EVEN STAND A CHANCE?
THAT IS SHIN.
IT IS THE ULTIMATE STEEL DEFENSE, DESIGNED BY MASTER HARARA HIMSELF!

I HAVE ZERO FORM DEFENSE!
HIGH-EXPLOSIVE BOOTS
GOOD!

ULTRA VIOLET WAVE!
AAH!
HUMPH

HEAVY KICK!
TOO LIGHT!

IT DOES NOT MATTER IF MY APPEARANCE IS RUINED!
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MY BODY IS MERELY A MEANS TO VICTORY!

IMPACT
BAKUGO'S SPECIAL ATTACK SANK DEEP INTO SHIN!
AND IN THE NEXT MOMENT...

KAKUGO WAS REPELLED!
NEMESIS
NGGH!

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HEH

THIS IS THE POWER OF FLEXIBLE TITANIUM ALLOY!
...ON MY STEEL ARMOR!
THAT DID NOT EVEN LEAVE A SCRATCH!
NOT ONLY IS IT ABLE TO WITHSTAND ANY BLOW. BUT WHEN STRUCK
EVEN A JUSTICE STRIKE, WOULD FAIL
THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO
IT WILL REDIRECT THE ENERGY TOWARD THE OPPONENT
UHHH
...WITH EQUAL FORCE!

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IS HE SURRENDERING?
HE'S COME OUT OF SPECIAL ASSAULT MODE!
YET, WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO IN HUMAN FORM?
UNLIKELY!
ZERO FORM DEFENSE ALONE CANNOT DEFEAT FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!
THAT'S RIGHT!
IMPRESSIVE...
THE DEFEAT OF MANKIND!
ACCEPT DEFEAT, KAKUGO HAGAKURE!

I KNOW THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL BETTER THAN ANYONE!
NONSENSE!!
I UNDERSTAND ITS AMAZING POWER
AS WELL AS ITS WEAKNESSES!
VERY WELL!
NOW ABOUT A DEMON-STRATION, THEN?
INTERESTING!

GHFF
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HUMPH

AAAH!
WHAT ON EARTH!?
WHAT!?
APOCALYPSE ZERO VOL.5 THE END

- **Takayuki Yamaguchi**
  **Favorite drink: roasted tea**

- **Assistants** **Tooru Hosokura**
  **Favorite drink: milk**

**Nobuhiro Nasu**
**I will ask and answer my own questions, today, tomorrow, and always. I don't care what it is, or what it is not. I'm sure I will see something soon.**

**Ozaki the Forth**
**Bonjour, people in Japan. I grew up in Paris, but I wish to learn Japanese spirits from Monsieur Yamaguchi and become a great ninja, sir!**

**Kurenai X**
**Yo Yo Yo! Let's masturbate. Bull!! I will prevail.**

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